



LINCOLN TRAIL AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRANDON REED NAMED LEGISLATIVE CHAMP BY KENTUCKY AREA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS

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During the 36th Annual KY County Judge Executive Association (KCJEA) and KY Magistrates & Commissioners Association (KMCA) Joint Summer Conference, the Kentucky Area Development Districts (KADD) presented an inaugural award for Legislative Champ. The legislators recognized included State Senator David Givens and State Representatives Chris Fugate, Jason Petrie, and Brandon Reed.

The 2022 legislative session was a success for local governments and Area Development Districts (ADDs). Funds are included in the budget to support infrastructure projects, broadband, and site upgrades, along with the first increase in planning funds known as Joint Funding Administration dollars since 1998 to assist ADDs in their work with local communities. KADD awarded the Legislative Champ award to recognize general assembly members who went above and beyond in the 2022 session to assist the Area Development Districts with carrying out their mission and services.

“This is an incredible honor and I appreciate the recognition as I do the work of our area development districts,” said Rep. Brandon Reed. “It was a privilege to work with Representatives Petrie, Fugate, and other Caucus members and members of leadership to get these funds where they can best serve our local communities. I especially appreciate the opportunity to work with Lincoln Trail Area Development District Director Mike Burress, who provided critical knowledge as we partnered together to make this a reality! I know many have said this year’s budget is the best and most responsible in our state’s history and that is a direct result of the fact we were able to meet our needs while still putting money aside to prepare for future opportunities and challenges. This will continue to serve as our philosophy as we monitor how this spending plan is administered and prepare for the next budget cycle.”

Lincoln Trail ADD Executive Director, Mike Burress acknowledged “We are extremely fortunate and grateful to have legislators like Representative Brandon Reed, whom understand the essential and collaborative work the ADDs do in assisting local governments and their constituents. Since taking office in 2017, Rep. Reed has been a strong and dedicated advocate for the region and the work of the ADDs. As Vice-Chair of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, Rep. Reed was the first legislator to push for additional funding for the ADDs. His tireless efforts, in concert with those of Senator Givens and Representatives Chris Fugate and Jason Petrie, ensured an additional \$2 million for ADDs in the budget.”

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Representative Brandon Reed represents the 24th District of Green, Hart, and LaRue counties. LaRue County is in the Lincoln Trail Area Development District region.

About LTADD. The Lincoln Trail Area Development District (LTADD) was created as a non-profit corporation on March 23, 1968. The organization was designated as a Kentucky public agency in 1972 through KRS 147A, the legislative action creating area development districts. LTADD includes the eight west-central Kentucky counties of Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson and Washington. The LTADD Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials from the counties and communities within the District, as well as non-elected citizen members representing a cross-section of the region's social and economic institutions.

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